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In the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS At Austin DEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK No. 14-16-00230-CR In the Court of Appeals For the Fourteenth District of Texas At Houston No. 1454620 In the 230th District Court Of Harris County, Texas **Keithrick Thomas** *Appellant* v. The State of Texas *Appellee*

To the Honorable Court of Appeals:

The State of Texas asks for a 15-day extension of time in which to file its appellate brief. The following facts are relevant:

State's First Motion for Extension Of Time to File Appellate Brief

1. The appellant was indicted for possession of between one and four grams of cocaine. (CR 11). Pursuant to a plea bargain with the State, the appellant pleaded guilty. (RR 9-11; CR 58). In accord with that plea bargain, the trial court sentenced the appellant to two years' confinement. (CR 58). The trial court certified that this was a plea bargain case, but matters were raised by written motion filed and ruled on before trial, and the appellant has the right to appeal those matters. (CR 55). The appellant filed a timely notice of appeal. (CR 60).

- 2. On direct appeal, a unanimous panel of the Fourteenth Court affirmed the appellant's conviction and sentence in an unpublished opinion. Thomas v. State, 14-16-00230-CR, 2017 WL 2484366 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] June 8, 2017, pet. granted) (mem. op. not designated for publication).
- 3. The State's brief is due on February 8, 2018.
- 4. This is the State's first request for extension.
- 5. This case was assigned to the undersigned attorney on January 9, 2018. Since then, the undersigned attorney has worked on the following appellate matters:
 - a. Nathan Foreman
 Nos. 14-15-01005-CR & 14-15-01006-CR
 Oral argument before *en banc* panel of the Fourteenth Court held on January 17, 2018; post-submission brief filed January 31, 2018

b. Vastie Coleman No. 01-16-00252-CR Brief filed February 2, 2018

6. Within the last two weeks, the undersigned attorney has had to relocate his office, which has caused some disruption in his work. Additionally, the undersigned attorney has taken off three personal days in this period due to pre-scheduled commitments.

WHEREFORE, the State prays that this Court will grant the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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